AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A marked-up version of the claims that will be pending following entry of the present amendments showing the amendments made herein follows. Matter that has been deleted from the claims is indicated by strikethrough or double brackets, and matter that has been added is indicated by underlining.

1. (Currently Amended) A speech recognition device for toys comprising:

storage means for ~~measuring~~ storing pre-measured values for ~~the lengths in time of a~~ combinations of the lengths in time of two or more ~~continuous~~ consecutively spoken ~~words or~~ expressions and the length in time of a pause or pauses between said ~~words or~~ consecutively spoken expressions ~~and then storing a measured value in advance~~;

control means for measuring the lengths in time of ~~a word or~~ expressions spoken consecutively by a speaker for recognition, including the length in time of a pause or pauses between consecutively spoken expressions; and

operating means for comparing [[a]] the measured ~~value~~ lengths in time with said pre-measured values stored in storage to recognize the consecutively spoken expressions based on the combination of their lengths in time.

2. (Currently Amended) A speech recognition device for toys comprising:

storage means for ~~measuring~~ storing pre-measured values for the total lengths in time of ~~a word or~~ spoken expressions, including the length of time of a pause or pauses between individual words within the expression ~~spoken by a speaker for recognition and then storing a measured value in advance~~;

[[a]] control means for measuring the length in time of ~~a word or~~ an expression spoken by a speaker for recognition;

operating means for comparing [[a]] the measured ~~value~~ length of time with said pre-measured values stored in said storage means and recognizing said ~~word or~~ expression of the speaker in the event that the result of said comparison falls within a predetermined tolerance; and

~~an~~ output means for outputting in voice the result of said recognition so carried out.

3. (Currently Amended) A speech recognition device for toys comprising:

storage means for storing a value for the length in time of a voice synthesized ~~word or~~ expression ~~in advance~~;

~~an~~ output means for outputting said voice synthesized ~~word~~ expression or recognizing ~~said~~ a spoken ~~word or~~ expression; ~~and~~

control means for measuring the length in time of ~~a word or~~ an expression spoken by a speaker for recognition,

operating means for comparing [[a]] the measured length in time ~~value~~ with the value for the length in time of said voice synthesized ~~word or~~ expression stored in said storage means and recognizing said ~~word or~~ expression of the speaker in the event that the result of said comparison falls within a predetermined tolerance; and

outputting means for outputting the result of said recognition.

4. (Currently Amended) A speech recognition device for toys as set forth in claim 3, ~~comprising a control means for measuring the length in time of a word or~~ wherein the expression spoken by a speaker ~~which~~ corresponds to said outputted voice synthesized ~~word or~~ expression~~, comparing a measured value with the length in time of said voice synthesized word or expression which is stored in said storage means, recognizing said spoken work or expression of the speaker in the event that the result of said comparison falls within a predetermined tolerance, and an outputting means for outputting said recognized result~~.

5. (Currently Amended) A speech recognition device for toys as set forth in claim 3 or claim 4, wherein

~~said storage means stores the length in time of a combination of~~ said voice synthesized expression includes ~~words or~~ consecutively voiced expressions and the length in time of a pause or pauses between said ~~words or~~ consecutively voiced expressions ~~in advance~~; and

wherein said ~~control means measures the length in time of said pause between said words or expressions and the length in time of words or~~ expressions spoken by the speaker includes consecutively spoken expressions and the length of time of a pause or pauses between said consecutively spoken expressions~~, compares measured values with the length in time of the combination of the length in time of the pause stored in the storage means and the length in time of the word or expressions spoken by the speaker for recognition and recognized the words or expressions by the speaker provided that the result of the comparison falls within the predetermined tolerance~~.